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Applicants: Matthias Giese
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Sir:

Applicant in the above-entitled patent application hereby claims the date of priority of European Patent application EP 02002250.5 (EP 1346998 A1); title "Equine arteritis virus vaccine. The filing date of the European Patent application is January 30, 2002.

A certified copy of said European Patent application will be submitted shortly.

Applicant respectfully requests favorable consideration of the present application and a timely examination of all of the pending claims.

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